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Attention, Subscribers!

We have been publishing The Newport Plain Talk over three months since the fire destroyed our plant and our books. We have made a request that readers call and see us and look up their receipts and bring same along. Unless we hear from you in the near future we will be compelled to take our records in hand as the official record of your account. Whether you are indebted to us or not, let us know how your account stands. THE NEWPORT PLAIN TALK.

OUR ANNIVERSARY

Beginning with this issue The Newport Plain Talk enters upon the Thirteenth year of its existence. It has suffered the sting of the biting tongue of the knockers; it has seen its home and contents licked up by cruel flames; it has been buffeted about in the political whirligig yet its spirit still lives. Its faith in mankind not shattered by disastrous experience with delinquent subscribers. The weathering of many storms has given it strength and it begins its battle with the unlucky Thirteenth year of its life, full of hope, with prospects bright for the future. The paper came into existence for the purpose of hounding one, Walter P. Brownlow, to his death and Walter P. has since passed to the great beyond. It learned during the closing years of the illustrious one, that he was not as black as he had been painted and it tried to atone for some of the harsh things which had been said about him. The Newport Plain Talk has ever been for the betterment of Newport and Cocke county. It has sought to advertise Newport to the outside world and has succeeded even beyond fondest expectations. It has tramped upon the toes of some; hurt the feelings of others, but the motive in every instance was to either give the news or protest the people's interests. It may have at some period during these twelve years of tempestuous times been in error, but it is hoped that our readers will overlook these and after this, the thirteenth period of our existence, we will perhaps, give you a semi-weekly, or perhaps, a daily!

No man living within thirty miles of Newport need be idle as there is work enough for all in this vicinity.

We hope that the waterworks contractor will be able to carry out his plans and have men at work here by July 15.

Plans for the Fourth of July celebration here did not materialize and the carnival which was expected did not put in an appearance.

If Ham Patterson makes the race for mayor against Crump, the Memphis people will have a political contest which will long be remembered.

Senator Lea in submitting to the operation to save the life of his wife, merely exhibited more of the nerve he has shown in gaining the mastership of Tennessee politics.

Arabs had a little divergency recently and slaughtered about 1,000 turks.

Dick Austin has paid his obligations to Robert P. Sulte, editor of the Rockwood Times, by naming him as postmaster of Rockwood.

Governor Hooper has pardoned a youth of eighteen years who had been sentenced to the State reformatory, when there is no such institution.

The pathfinders for the Memphis-Bristol state highway have covered the ground in automobiles. It is proposed to have the highway built by convicts.

We are still learning something about men who get mad and stop their papers when they receive a statement for their account after we have carried it a whole year.

Twenty million gallons of whiskey were shipped into prohibition states during 1910 and yet it is stated prohibition is a success. It will not be a success until the government takes a hand and prevents interstate shipments.

The Good Roads Train will be here Saturday, July 8. Cocke county people should be proud to show these experts that this is not one of the backward counties of the State and that we have already awakened to the fact that Good Roads pay.

The sale of the Melrose block to Prof. Driskill and F. W. Parrott will mean another business establishment for Newport. The more the merrier, and we hope that they will meet with success, for success to them will mean success to all.

McDonald, the representative who claims that he refused a bribe of \$1500 to vote with the regulars, has stated that the fashionists were urged to run away to Alabama by E. B. Stahlman, Congressman Sells and Newell Sanders.

Carson Springs will not be so much in the limelight as the governor has returned to Nashville, but nevertheless the people of Newport should get together and make some arrangements to take advantage of this natural health resort.

Two Philadelphia youths came here thinking that they would be paid a sum of \$1.75 per day for spending the Summer in the mountains of North Carolina, but when they found that they would have to use the pick and shovel, Philadelphia looked mighty good to them.

One evening last week we saw a half dozen of the town's best citizens go to the post office for their mail at 7:35 p. m., only to find that the doors had been locked for the night. The visit of the robbers must have made the attaches of the post office dubious about staying in the building after dark. We don't think the robbers will return soon.

TOO THIN-SKINNED

The home of Governor Blease, of South Carolina, is in Newberry. Before going to the State capital to take charge of the office to which he had been elected, it seems he ordered the publisher of the Newberry Observer to send the paper to him.

On the 15th day of the present month, the governor wrote to the editor of that paper:

"Dear Sir: The Observer being a home paper, I subscribed for it to be sent here when I came, but in view of your recent dirty little flings you will please discontinue at once my subscription." To this he signed his name.

It may be remarked that when a man in the office of governor of a State shows up with so thin a skin as Governor Blease seems to have, he is likely to find himself in hot water a considerable portion of the time.—Knoxville Journal and Tribune.

South Carolina has not a monopoly of the thin-skinned population as we have some of the same kind in this section.

With Our Exchanges

It is reported that some of the democratic politicians of Virginia are trying to arrange things so that republicans can vote at the primaries. Why should republicans help select a democratic candidate for the senate? If a democratic candidate for senator in Virginia seeks republican votes in the primary it looks like he was scared—and he does not deserve democratic votes.—The Commoner.

The danger and inconvenience of the heat arising from the electric lamp in the moving picture machine has been eliminated by a French inventor, who has made a lamp in which the current is shifted on and off with such rapidity that it is not deflected by the human eye, but the period of rest is great enough to prevent overheating of the lens.—Indianapolis News.

In the Railroad Folders

I know a place where cloudless skies Await the lucky comer, And earth is like to Paradise A few months in the summer. The view is such as never lacked For wondering beholders, And the trains which travel there are packed— In the railroad folders.

Just such a place, it would appear, As everyone is seeking About this season of the year When the populace is reeking. The swift white waters ever play Among the mossy boulders And life is one long roundelay— In the railroad folders.

In this blest place awaits us rest Beyond the fondest fancy, And all things thither are possessed Of Nature's necromancy. One always catches all the fish He can tote upon his shoulders, And all things else are as we wish— In the railroad folders. —St. Louis Post-dispatch.

BOOK REVIEW

"SHE BUILDETH HER OWN HOUSE"

One of America's strongest novels is fresh from the pen of William Levington Comfort, the author of "Rutledge Rides Alone," which is frequently referred to as the best tale of fiction of the year. This new novel is a brilliant fiction that has been unsurpassed for greatness in years. It is transcriptive of life and the Comfort style of distinction is stamped on every page. This story is remarkable in many ways. It brings out the strong in a woman of the world, a woman making her own way in a great city. It begins with the woman fascinated with the eyes of a hypnotist, who is determined to accomplish her ruin through his teachings. Then follows her struggle to resist his power and a correspondence she is having with an author whose book she had so happily reviewed, yet who is personally unknown to her, gives her the courage in the hour of need. There is a pretty romance, in fact two, running through the story and the heroine truly buildeth her own house. Published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia. Price \$1.25 net, post paid \$1.37.

"THE SOVEREIGN POWER"

In "The Sovereign Power," Mark Lee Luther's new novel, a picturesque aviation meef at Rheims serves as the setting for the beginning of a very fascinating breezy aeroplane romance. The story is fairly exhilliarating and we see a strange mixture of European notables, Americans and professional aviators sailing through the air, we learn to feel the great thrill which causes these bird-men to defy death, and the reader is easily brought to a state of excitement as the battle for the supremacy of the clouds is enacted. Mr. Luther sees far into the future and depicts great things for the men of the air. His race through the clouds of two aeroplanes, following his rival and the woman he loves is highly interesting. Mr. Luther has given us for a heroine one of the pretty creatures whose whims carry her to impulsive acts when her heart directs that she do otherwise. She is a creature, not sure of her mind, who allows herself to be easily persuaded to do that which she does not want to do. She takes pleasure in wounding the heart of her admirers and after she has won one man, in spite of himself, she has only pity for him, and turns to another. She is a type frequently found and one

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"THE STOLEN SINGER"

A pleasant little story of the lighter vein is "The Stolen Singer," by Martha Bellinger. That it is fiction is shown in the first act of the hero who casts himself in the sea in order that he may be picked up by the yacht on which the stolen singer is being spirited away, without reckoning upon his fate if he were not picked up. He is also started equipped with a well filled money belt, but just what use he had for same is not revealed in the succeeding chapters. While it is a light story bordering on melodrama throughout, it makes very pleasing reading. The hero sees the stolen singer fall into the sea, grabs the life preservers, jumps in after her and when they come to the surface have a fine conversation as well as battle with the waves and before there is any suggestion that the heroine would care to know the name of the hero. Of course both are fine swimmers, but give out just as they reach shore and are carried to safety. The usual long spell of sickness follows after which comes the wedding bells. Published by Bobbs Merrell Co., Indianapolis, Price \$1.50.

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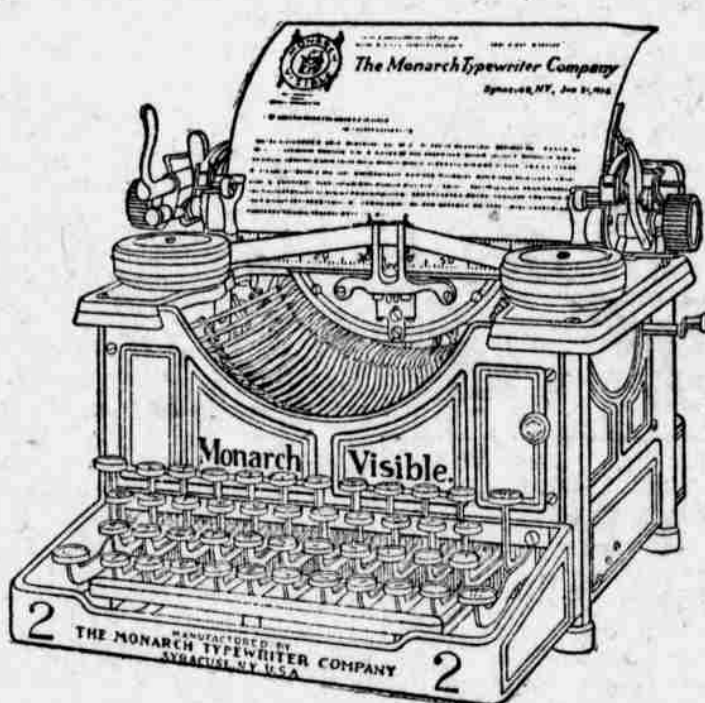
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